

NEWS RELEASE

May 22, 2002

Contact: Jim Springer (801) 538-5324

UTAH STATE FORESTER NAMED

Joel Frandsen has been selected as the new state forester and director of the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. He has been the division's deputy director since January 2002.

Prior to joining the state he served in various positions with the USDA Forest Service, most recently as branch chief of the Manti-LaSal National Forest in Price, Utah. While there he was responsible for timber, fire, range, watershed management and wildlife programs.

Frandsen also served as acting forest supervisor on the Manti-LaSal, as well as district ranger on the Ashley National Forest, Duchesne, Utah; Toiyabe National Forest, Las Vegas, Nevada; Boise National Forest, Boise, Idaho; and assistant district ranger, forester and range conservationist with Utah's Wasatch National Forest.

"Joel is uniquely qualified for this position," states Department of Natural Resources Executive Director Bob Morgan. "He has a wealth of knowledge and experience, combined with excellent communication skills, which will serve him well in the challenges ahead."

Frandsen manages the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands with responsibility for state sovereign lands, wildland fire protection, urban and community forestry, forest stewardship and agro-forestry programs, and Lone Peak Conservation Center, the state nursery.

A Utah State University graduate with a Bachelor of Science in forest-range management, he is a member of the Society for Range Management where in 1977 was elected a Fellow. He has a wide variety of hands-on and administrative experience in natural resource management.

###